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SUBJECT: PIEGO - MEXICO

1. POPOFF DESIROUS OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ALL EXPERTISE AND FUNDING CHANNELS AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THE GARGANTUAN NEEDS IN MEXICO. UNFORTUNATELY, PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE BY CERTAIN KEY OFFICIALS GOM WITH PIEGO (JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY) HAS RESULTED IN AN UNWILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH PIEGO. THIS WAS REINFORCED DURING HUGH DAVIS' VISIT FEB/MAR BECAUSE OF DAVIS' RIGIDITY AND UNWILLINGNESS CONSIDER OPERATING PROCEDURES ACCEPTABLE TO GOM.

2. BASED ON THIS POPOFF HAS FELT AREA WHERE PIEGO COULD WORK MOST EFFICIENTLY AND WITHIN CONSTRAINTS OF THEIR SYSTEM WOULD BE WITH THE 58 MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC. POPOFF SPOKE WITH DR MIGUEL BARRIOS, SECY, ASSOC OF FACULTIES OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS, RE POSSIBILITIES OF WORKING WITH THESE SCHOOLS. DR. BARRIOS ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED IDEA AND IS CALLING MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD AT WHICH POPOFF WILL BE PRESENT TO DISCUSS AREAS OF PRIORITY AND POSSIBILITIES OF PROGRAMS. PARTICIPATION BY PIEGO IN THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE ESSENTIAL.

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3. DR. CASILLAS OF ISSSTE RECENTLY ATTENDED PIEGO TRNG AND HAS BEEN IMPRESSED WITH POSSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN PIEGO AND ISSSTE. THIS IS A WELCOME OPENING OF A GOM ENTITY TO PIEGO AND ONE WHICH MIGHT BE CAPITALIZED UPON FOR EXPANSION INTO IMSS. DUE PERSONALITY DR CORREU AT SSA IT IS DOUBTFUL PIEGO WILL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH MOH IN NEAR FUTURE. NONETHELESS, POSSIBILITIES OF

WORKING WITH IMSS AND ISSSTE AS WELL AS UNIVERSITIES
WILL CALL FOR SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES FROM PIEGO BOTH IN
TERMS OF EQUIPMENT AND IN TERMS OF TIME.

4. WITH ARRIVAL DR M BURNHILL AT PIEGO POPOFF HOPES NEW
ERA BEGINNING WHEREBY PREVIOUS INFLEXIBILITIES WHICH HAVE
MADE GOM RELUCTANT AND ADAMANT AGAINST USING PIEGO WILL
DISAPPEAR. WHILE POPOFF UNDERSTANDS THERE ARE LIMITATIONS
IMPOSED BY THE GRANT, REQUIREMENT FOR FLEXIBILITY WILL
HAVE TO EXTEND PERHAPS EVEN TO MAKING AMENDMENTS IN THE
GRANT IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOM. THESE HAVE BEEN
DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY AND NEED ONLY BE SUMMARIZED: GOM
INSTITUTIONS, AS MAXIMUM HEALTH INSTITUTIONS OF COUNTRY
AND HEALTH POLICY MAKERS, WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT FOREIGN
INSTITUTION TELL THEM WHERE EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED, WHO
MAY BE CERTIFIED, AND HOW TRAINING WILL BE CARRIED OUT.
IF PIEGO CAN WORK WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK POPOFF BELIEVES
SKY IS THE LIMIT.

5. AS PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO GET PIEGO INVOLVEMENT, VISIT
BY DR BURNHILL IN AUGUST WOULD BE WELCOME. POPOFF HOPES
MEXICO BACKSTOPPER LARRY EICHER CAN ALSO BE PRESENT.
PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE TO GOM THAT THIS
IS A NEW PIEGO WITH FLEXIBILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO PARTI-
CIPATE AND COLLABORATE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN GOM
GUIDELINES.

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6. PLSE ADVISE IF VISIT POSSIBLE SO THAT NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. LUCEY

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